

City of Ecorse

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A Farewell Message from Joyce Parker

Emergency Financial
Manager



To the residents, community and stakeholders of Ecorse – **thank you** for working with me, Mayor Brown and City Council to stabilize the city's finances and eliminate the \$14 million deficit. It has been a tremendous 3 ½ year journey, and the city is now operating on a balanced budget! Additionally, the City of Ecorse has presented a proposed 2-year budget (through FY 2014) to the State of Michigan. Great strides were made in eliminating the \$14.6 million cumulative deficit and a \$5 million structural deficit. Ecorse's bond rating was increased from "junk bond rating" to "A", the police and fire departments have been reorganized into a public safety department, and many other accomplishments including reducing operating costs by \$4.3 million and increasing revenue by \$2.3 million were achieved. Because of our success in addressing the fiscal issues, Governor Snyder has determined the financial emergency no longer exists in Ecorse and has relinquished my position as Emergency Financial Manager. It should also be noted the Governor has appointed me a member of the Ecorse Receivership Transition Advisory Board which will help facilitate the transition from Emergency Management to local control. It has been a pleasure working in Ecorse, which is truly "The City of Friendship" and clearly a diamond in the rough.

Sincerely,
Joyce A. Parker

SPARKLE & SHINE 2013!

All residents and business owners are invited to participate in the 2013 Ecorse Sparkle and Shine Community Clean-up which will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2013. There will be a special yard waste pickup throughout the city on that day, with collection by the city's waste disposal contractor starting at 11 a.m. Residents are asked to clean in the alley behind their house that morning for pickup in the afternoon. If the alley is clean, clean a vacant lot near your home. This is not a date for cleaning out the basement! There will be no special pickup of regular garbage; all trash collected from your alley or along your street should be bagged up for pickup on your regular pick-up date.

In addition, Sparkle and Shine 2013 will also feature a city wide street sweeping! The city will sweep all city streets that day and the following Monday according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, June 11	East of railroad from north to south city limits
Wednesday, June 12	Outer Drive to Mill street, between city limits and railroad
Thursday, June 13	Visger to Outer Drive between city limits and railroad

If you have a place to park off the street, please move your car on that day.

In addition to street sweeping, several large dumpsters will be placed the June 8 weekend in the following locations for disposal of bulky items that are not green waste: 17th & Visger, 12th & Salliotte, Elton & Jefferson, City Hall rear parking lot, 5th & Mill. Also, tires can be dropped in a dumpster at the rear of City Hall.

Do your part to make Ecorse Sparkle and Shine on June 8th!

SOIL STUDY

This summer, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Scientists will study soil in Ecorse. Sites in parks and other public property will be sampled. You may see soil scientists taking samples from public property, such as parks. They will use a 3 inch diameter bucket auger to examine soil layers to a depth of 60 to 80 inches. The small diameter holes will be filled in with the same material that was examined. Many soil observations will be needed to separate one soil type from another. You can get an idea of what to expect as a product by visiting an online service called the Web Soil Survey at: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>.

DOG LICENSES

All dogs must be registered annually with the City Clerk. The cost is \$5.00, and the license period runs from January 1, 2013. Proof of rabies vaccination must be presented. The City Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Why bother with a license? If your dog is found, registration records will be checked to locate you, the dog's owner!

MEET THE NEW GUYS

Meet Mike!

Michael Moore is a graduate of Wayne County Community College. He became a cadet at the Inkster Police Department and transferred to the Inkster Fire Department where he moved up in the ranks until he ultimately achieved the rank of Chief Officer in 1999 and retired in 2006. During his tenure he received continued education and training through institutions such as: Schoolcraft College, Henry Ford Community College, Michigan State University, Michigan State Police, F.B.I. Academy Quantico Va., and the Northern Ohio Arson Committee. "During my time here in Ecorse I have been made to feel welcomed by my fellow employees and citizens alike. During my tours of the City I have been stopped by citizens who recognized me and have been given words of encouragement and have made me feel right at home. This is how I Envision Ecorse!" Mike Moore started as Ecorse's Interim Public Safety Director on Monday April 15th 2013.

Meet Kevin!

Kevin Lawrence is a family man married for over 14 years. He has over 23 years of experience in the water and sewer industry. He recently worked for Michigan State University in the skilled trades division. "I am excited to work for the City of Ecorse and I'm looking forward to working with the employees and residents to help improve the city!" Kevin Lawrence replaces Scott Davidson as Public Works Superintendent.

Meet Laura!

Laura D'Onofrio is a recent graduate of Baker College, with a degree in business with a paralegal certificate. She grew up a few towns over in Dearborn Heights. Laura is very excited to start her career by working for the city of Ecorse. "It is an excellent opportunity, and the people of Ecorse are extremely helpful, resourceful, and friendly, and I am looking forward to working and becoming familiar with more residents in the city!" Laura D'Onofrio replaces Dorcas McCreary as the administrative assistant and legal secretary.

ECORSE HOSTS 2013 SENIOR OLYMPICS!

The 2013 Downriver Senior Olympics will be hosted by Ecorse this summer, July 29 through August 2, 2013. Check www.DownriverSeniorOlympics.org for more information and a registration form. Men and women living in one of the 18 participating Downriver cities are eligible to participate. The registration and event payment form must be submitted to the Ecorse Senior Center no later than June 27, 2013.

The St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church will be the host location for the Opening Day ceremony and the games. The church is located at 4239 W. Jefferson. For more information or to volunteer, call Dorothy Altheimer at 313-914-2237.

TOWN HALL MEETING TO BE HELD Thursday JUNE 27TH

Make plans to attend the next Ecorse Town Hall meeting on Thursday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. This Town Hall meeting will be held at the US Steel Conference Center, at the corner of Jefferson and Southfield. Attendees will be able to participate in Envision Ecorse committee meetings. Also, a report will be presented on the first meeting of the state appointed Transition Advisory Board. Be sure to attend.



DO YOUR PART TO MAKE ECORSE SPARKLE & SHINE! PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR!